



## **ISSUES/DESCRIPTIONS REPORT**

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**WSBK-TV Boston**

WSBK-TV - Boston, MA  
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Attached are listings of broadcasts or broadcast segments, which, in the station's judgment, reflect the station's most significant programming treatment of ascertained community issues during the preceding three-month period.

### **PROGRAM INDEX**

**WBZ-TV News at 9PM on TV38** – WBZ-TV News at 9PM on TV38 is the market's only broadcast newscast available at 9:00 p.m. Anchored by Kate Merrill, the newscast delivers a contemporary half-hour of news filled with comprehensive coverage of local politics, community events, medical updates, and issues of importance to the community. There are also Special Projects Reports, I-Team and Curiosity. I-Team Reporters Kathy Curran and Joe Shortleeve provide an investigative look at major institutions and events within the viewing area. Issues related to government, politics, big business, financial issues, corruption and crime are explored in-depth during the station's newscasts. Duration: range from two minutes to four minutes. Curiosity is an on-going series where we ask viewers: What intrigues you? What interests you? What confuses you? We find answers to what our viewers are curious about.

**“What's in Our Community”** – A 4-minute feature segment that airs within the 30-minute “What's in Store” program. “**What's in Store**” is a non-news, half hour program that highlights businesses and entrepreneurs in the region. The “What's in Our Community” piece features the outstanding work of a local charity and/or community outreach organization. Duration: 4-minutes within thirty-minute program. Air: Wednesdays at 9:30 p.m.

## **WBZ-TV News at 9PM on TV38**

### **Business and Political:**

10/06/09: Karen Anderson reports that State Senator Anthony Galluccio is accused in hit and run car accident.

10/09/09: TV38 reports on President Obama being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

10/20/09: Dawn Hasbrouck reports that consumers are starting early to try to get Holiday deals

10/22/09: Karen Anderson previews President Obama's visit to Boston in support of Governor Deval Patrick.

10/26/09: Kate Merrill Kyle reports on an Attleboro, MA man who was killed in helicopter crash in Afghanistan.

11/05/09: TV38 reports on the Fort Hood shooting rampage.

11/06/09: Kate Merrill reports the latest information about the Fort Hood shooting rampage. 11/10/09: The I-Team's Kathy Curran uncovers bars in the region where alcohol is being diluted to cut costs and customers being cheated.

11/11/09: Bill Shields reports on a Plymouth, MA soldier killed in Afghanistan. And, Paula Ebben reports that some ingredients in household cleansers could be dangerous to your health.

11/13/09: Paula Ebben reports on new regulations that could make it more costly to finalize your home mortgage.

11/16/09: Ken Macleod reports Cambridge, MA police gave Senator Galluccio a ride home because he was drunk 13 hours before he was in a hit and run car accident. And, Paula Ebben reports on new products that will help make traveling less inconvenient.

11/18/09: Paula Ebben reports on the increasing number of moms who are going back to college for a fresh start and new career.

11/20/09: Paula Ebben reports tips to make holiday shopping easier and more wallet friendly.

11/24/09: Eileen Curran reports on the Obama administration's first State Dinner. And, The I-Team's Joe Shortsleeve reports that the state spends almost \$3 million on leasing parking spaces that are not only a questionable perk but actually often empty.

11/26/09: Karen Anderson reports that New Hampshire lawmakers allow stores to be open on Thanksgiving, giving NH an economic advantage over Massachusetts.

11/30/09: TV38 previews President Obama's speech on the war plan for Afghanistan.

12/03/09: Eileen Curran reports that the city of Leominster, MA is spending \$21,500 on Christmas lights in town at a time when most towns are cutting spending.

12/07/09: Peg Rusconi previews the US Senate race the night before the primary election.

12/10/09: TV38 reports on President Obama receiving the Nobel Peace Prize.

12/14/09: Peg Rusconi reports that police officers in Ipswich, MA will now have longer shifts in an effort to save money.

12/18/09: Bill Shields previews how holiday shopping might be impacted by the weekend's snow storm. And, Karen Anderson reports that State Senator Anthony Galluccio gets probation for the hit and run car accident.

12/22/09: Christina Hager reports on “procrastinators” who are out in force for last-minute holiday shopping.  
12/23/09: Eileen Curran reports that Senator Galluccio is put on home confinement after possibly violating probation.  
12/24/09: TV38 reports that the Senate passed health care reform.  
12/25/09: Jim Smith reports on a Peabody, MA soldier who returns home from Iraq just in time for Christmas.  
12/28/09: Kate Merrill reports on how Methuen, MA lawmakers are no longer allowing employees to take city cars home in an effort to save money on gas/mileage.

### **Health and Medical:**

10/08/09: Kathy Curran reports that Foxboro, MA high school students must take breathalyzer tests.  
10/20/09: Karen Anderson reports on the scarcity of the H1N1 vaccine.  
10/30/09: Peg Rusconi reports on how the state is dealing with H1N1 flu outbreak.  
11/02/09: Eileen Curran reports that hundreds of people line up to get H1N1 vaccine in Worcester, MA.  
11/03/09: The I-Team’s Joe Shortsleeve exposes communities across the region where arsenic and uranium are detected in drinking water.  
11/04/09: Ken Macleod reports that H1N1 flu is hitting hard in one New Hampshire town.  
11/11/09: Paula Ebben reports that some ingredients in household cleansers could be dangerous to your health.  
11/23/09: Eileen Curran reports that two million “drop side cribs” are being recalled nationally.  
12/18/09: Lisa Hughes reports on a study suggesting more children are being diagnosed with autism.  
12/23/09: Paul Burton reports on a young Boston boy who is saved after going into cardiac arrest at school.

### **Law Safety and Security:**

10/02/09: Ron Sanders reports Everett, MA police continue to search for a suspected murderer.  
10/05/09: Ken Macleod reports on the investigation the murder of a Mont Vernon, NH mother.  
10/06/09: Ken Macleod reports that four teen boys are charged in murder of the Mont Vernon, NH mother. And, Bill Shields reports that violence during an Abington, MA high school football game initiates a police investigation.  
10/07/09: Ken Macleod has a follow up report on the four teens charged in the Mont Vernon, NH murder.

10/08/09: Eileen Curran reports that a 100 year old woman was murdered at her Dartmouth, MA nursing home. And, Bill Shields reports on a couple who flew into a rage at a local McDonalds when they got a small fry after ordering a large.

10/12/09: Christina Hager reports on a 24-year-old Bruins fan who disappears after leaving a game.

10/14/09: Kate Merrill reports on the death of the missing 24-year-old Bruins fan and the ruling that the death was an accident.

10/16/09: TV38 reports that investigators have evidence suggesting the “Balloon Boy” story was a hoax.

10/19/09: Ken Macleod reports on a Pop Warner football coach in Waltham, MA who is facing charges after fighting with a parent.

10/21/09: Bill Shields reports on a Stoughton, MA Pet Control Officer who steals a Rochester, MA woman’s missing dog.

10/22/09: Peg Rusconi reports new details into the terror investigation of suspect Tarek Mehanna.

10/23/09: TV38 reports that two pilots are grounded as investigators try to figure out why they overshot their destination airport by 150 miles.

10/26/09: Bill Shields reports on a Taunton, MA store clerk who was killed during a robbery. And, TV38 reports new information in the investigation of the pilots who missed their destination runway.

10/27/09: Christina Hager reports on a psychiatric patient who stabbed a doctor at Mass General Hospital (MGH) and who was shot to death by an off duty security guard. And, Dawn Hasbrouck reports on a bank robbery in East Bridgewater, MA causing police to shut down nearby schools and the downtown area.

10/28/09: Dawn Hasbrouck interviews the father of the off duty security guard who shot and killed the patient who stabbed the MGH doctor. And, Peg Rusconi reports on goats abandoned in an industrial area in Norfolk, MA.

10/29/09: Paul Burton reports that the off duty security guard who shot and killed the patient in MGH attack will not face charges. And, Kathy Curran reports on the sea rescue of two Cape Cod fishermen who capsized.

10/30/09: Jim Smith reports on how Salem, MA police are preparing for the busy Halloween weekend. And, Kate Merrill interviews the off duty security guard who shot and killed MGH stabbing suspect.

11/02/09: Ken Macleod reports on new camera technology that allows Fitchburg, MA police to see inside the local high school from parked cruisers.

11/04/09: Peg Rusconi reports on costly safety problems, as well as questionable business decisions, at the MBTA.

11/05/09: Paul Burton reports on a teenage girl who is hit and killed by train in Belmont, MA. And, Paul Burton reports on a series of assaults on women in a neighborhood in South Boston.

11/09/09: Eileen Curran reports on a woman who passes out in MBTA train tunnel and is nearly hit by a train. And, Ron Sanders reports that the MGH doctor who was stabbed by her patient is out of the hospital.

11/10/09: Eileen Curran has a follow up report on the woman who passes out in MBTA train tunnel and is nearly hit by a train. And, The I-Team’s Kathy Curran uncovers bars in the region where alcohol is being diluted to cut costs and customers being cheated.

1/11/09: Eileen Curran reports on a Lynn, MA woman who was missing for more than a year was just found in a Lynn pond.

11/12/09: Ron Sanders reports that a MBTA driver could lose his job for using a cell phone on the train.

11/17/09: The I-Team's Joe Shortsleeve investigates safety concerns about Boston cab drivers and state regulations that allow cabbies with poor driving records to stay employed.

11/18/09: Eileen Curran reports on a New Hampshire court officer who is charged with assaulting women.

11/20/09: Bill Shields reports that hundreds of students at Cape Cod Tech refuse to go to class because of new disciplinary policies.

11/23/09: Peg Rusconi reports on some local rappers who are facing serious charges after performing songs about killing police.

11/24/09: Kate Merrill reports on a man suspected of stealing \$60,000 from a Winthrop, MA church.

11/25/09: The I-Team's Joe Shortsleeve reports this year's list from the state of the bars that are most guilty of over-serving customers and putting the public at risk.

11/30/09: Dawn Hasbrouck reports on how the parents of a badly injured teen in Waltham, MA are outraged after the accused drunk driver is released on bail.

12/01/09: Eileen Curran reports on the Gloucester, MA mother who goes missing and is found in nearby woods. And, TV38 reports on how White House security officials vow to make changes after two party crashers get into the State Dinner.

12/03/09: Ron Sanders reports on how fire fighters in Worcester, MA are using new safety equipment on the tenth anniversary of the fatal Worcester warehouse fire.

12/04/09: Paul Burton reports from Worcester, MA on preparations for the weekend snow storm.

12/07/09: Peg Rusconi previews the US Senate race the night before the primary election.

12/09/09: Kate Merrill reports the South Shore is hit hard by the snow storm. And, Bill Shields reports on a charity in Lawrence, MA robbed just weeks before Christmas.

12/11/09: Jim Smith reports that a 98-year-old nursing home patient in Dartmouth, MA is accused of murdering her 100-year-old roommate.

12/14/09: Bill Shields reports that a 100-year-old Bronze plaque dedicated to the American Revolution is stolen in Lexington, MA.

12/15/09: Bill Shields reports on how an 8-year-old Taunton, MA boy was sent home and given a psychiatric exam after drawing a picture of Jesus on the cross.

12/24/09: TV38 reports that the Pope is knocked to the ground by an attacker during the Midnight Mass procession at the Vatican.

12/28/09: Peg Rusconi reports on an arson fire in Northampton, MA that kills a father and son.

12/29/09: Eileen Curran reports on high winds that are creating dangerous conditions around state including downing trees and power lines. And, TV38 reports on the Christmas Day terrorist attempt.

## **Community and Culture:**

10/02/09: TV38 reports the David Letterman extramarital affair and scandal.

10/05/09: Dawn Hasbrouck reports on a Watertown, MA bridal salon that is donating wedding gowns to military brides.

10/07/09: Paula Ebben reports that a new study suggests that mothers may be unfairly judged at work.

10/12/09: Dawn Hasbrouck reports on a Salisbury, MA family that has a yard sale to help beat foreclosure on their home.

10/13/09: Bill Shields reports that a local environmental group is trying to stop Plymouth Rock Studios from building their proposed movie studio. And, Dawn Hasbrouck reports on renovations to the downtown area of Lawrence, MA.

10/16/09: Karen Anderson previews the annual classic Head of Charles crew races on Boston's Charles River.

10/19/09: Bill Shields reports that a weekend storm caused a home on Nauset Beach in Chatham, MA to fall into the ocean.

10/20/09: Bill Shields reports on a Bridgewater, MA fire chief who rallies the community to raise funds to restore a 27-year-old fire truck.

10/21/09: Dawn Hasbrouck reports on the unusually high population of Lady Bugs in the region.

10/22/09: Eileen Curran reports on the opening of the much anticipated Harry Potter Exhibit at Boston's Museum of Science.

10/23/09: Steve Burton reports on the New England Patriots' historic trip to London, England to play Tampa Bay.

11/04/09: Kate Merrill on a new survey that has tips on how not to act older than you are.

11/12/09: Eileen Curran interview stars of the hit movie "Twilight: New Moon."

11/16/09: Paula Ebben reports on new products that will help make traveling less inconvenient.

11/20/09: Paula Ebben reports tips to make holiday shopping easier and more wallet friendly.

11/26/09: Jim Smith reports that a Hyannis, MA soldier who was injured in Iraq comes home for the first time after a long recovery.

11/27/09: TV38 reports on the car accident of golfer Tiger Woods. And, Ken Macleod reports on a North Andover, MA rabbi who is fighting town officials for the right to display a menorah on the town common.

12/02/09: Peg Rusconi reports on Tiger Woods' apologies for "transgressions" amid a sex scandal. Bill Shields reports that the North Andover, MA Fire Dept. gets permission from officials to put up its Christmas sign after controversy. And, Paula Ebben reports guidelines for how much you should tip workers during the holiday season.

12/10/09: Bill Shields previews of Winter Classic hockey game at Fenway Park.

12/11/09: Peg Rusconi reports that Holliston High School is requiring students to buy their own laptop computers for classes.

12/14/09: Bill Shields reports that a 100-year-old Bronze plaque dedicated to the American Revolution is stolen in Lexington, MA.

12/15/09: TV38 reports on the Golden Globe nominees.

12/16/09: Dawn Hasbrouck reports on how the Westminster Public Library is using police officers to recover overdue books.  
12/21/09: TV38 reports on the investigation into the death of actress Brittany [no last name?]  
12/24/09: Dawn Hasbrouck reports on how some churches in Manchester by the Sea, MA worked together to secure a location for their Live Nativity in light of the town's ban.  
12/25/09: Jim Smith reports on a Peabody, MA soldier who returns home from Iraq just in time for Christmas.  
12/29/09: Peg Rusconi reports on how Weston, MA teachers are working over holiday break to repair their school after a fire damaged the building.

### **Non-News Programming:**

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### **What's In Our Community**

9/30/09: Making Strides Against Breast Cancer is the American Cancer Society's premier event. See how much of an impact it's had here and across the country.

10/7/09: Learn how South Shore Hospital's signature fall event, the Moonlight & Miracles gala, helps raise money to support cancer care programs at the hospital.

10/14/09: Did you know that Haverhill is known as "Shoe City"? See how the Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce is celebrating the city's history in a unique way.

10/21/09: Rosie's Place is celebrating 35 years as a sanctuary for Boston's poor and homeless women. Learn how their "Funny Women, Serious Business" event is helping kick off their busy holiday season.

10/28/09: Learn how the One Mission Foundation is helping enhance the lives of pediatric cancer patients and their families during the most difficult time.

11/4/09: Upstage Lung Cancer presents "Life is a Cabaret"! Learn how the organization and the musical fundraiser are benefitting awareness and research.

11/11/09: Good Sports is hosting its inaugural "Girls Night Out" event. Learn how this fun night will end up helping disadvantaged kids who want to play sports.

11/18/09: No holiday meal would be complete without pie! See how buying one through Pie in the Sky will end up helping a neighbor in need.

11/25/09: It's been described as the holiday present just waiting to be opened. See how The Christmas Revels is celebrating the winter solstice with extraordinary music, singing and dance from the heart of America.

12/2/09: The performers at the Improv Asylum will keep you laughing for 24 hours straight, all while benefitting children in need. Find out how you can help them support Globe Santa.

12/9/09: First Night is one of Boston's signature events. In addition to the New Year's festivities, learn how they support the arts and the community all year round.

12/16/09: See how Bob's Discount Furniture \$100,000 High School Heroes Scholarship Program is helping the American Red Cross save lives.

12/23/09: There's a growing number of families in Massachusetts who cannot cover the basic costs of living. See how the United Way's "Family Financial Stability Fund" is offering much needed help.

12/30/09: Did you know that shortages of all blood types frequently happen during the winter holidays? At Children's Hospital Boston's Blood Donor Center, see how an hour of your time can help save four young patients!

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